its request for diverting 7.56 Thousand Million Cubic Feet (TMC) of Madei water to meet the drinking water needs of Hubli/Dharwad towns of State of Karnataka.

(c) and (d) The Government of Goa in July, 2002 made a request to the Central Government under Section 3 of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, as amended, for appointment of River Water Disputes Judicial Tribunal and referring the dispute with regard to availability of water resources of the Mandovi/Mahadayi and other related aspects to the tribunal for adjudication and decision. As per the provision of Act, Central Govt. is required to initiate steps for finding a negotiated settlement of the disputes failing which the dispute is required to be referred to the Tribunbal for adjudication within one year from the receipt of the complaint. The Central Government had convened an Inter-State meeting at the level of Chief Ministers on 16.11.2002 to find negotiated settlement. The meeting has since been postponed at the request of Government of Goa.

Constitution of Tribunal for sharing of Krishna water

757. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to constitute a Tribunal under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 to adjudicate on the sharing of surplus waters of the Krishna river; and

(b) if so, whether Government will take steps to constitute a Tribunal as the Bachawat Tribunal award on sharing of Krishna waters expired in 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the provision of Act, Central Govt. is required to initiate steps for finding a negotiated settlement of the dispute failing which the dispute is required to be referred to the Tribunal for adjudication within one year from the receipt of the complaint.